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Ordonnance G O E R I N G
du 5 Novembre I940 sur le
pillage des objets d'art

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Order GOERING's re.seizure of Art treasures

Date: 5 Nov.1940; Original( ) Copy (x); Language German

If not English, is translation attached: Yes ( ) No ( )

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL(also WITNESS if applicable)as of 29 Aug.45:

Unknown. Certified copy found in ROSENBERG file, OCC-Nürnberg

PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED: GOERING, ROSENBERG, OKL.

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADING (Key to par.nos.of Summary below):

1. IDEOLOGY, NAZI - Hohe Schule
2. JEWS, PERSECUTION OF
3. SPOLIATION OF FOREIGN PROPERTY - Direct seizure
4. WEHRMACHT - OKL.
5. GENEVA CONVENTION, BREACH OF-seizure of state property

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM;LEADS none

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. GOERING orders the Chief of Military Gov.in Paris to classify and ship Jewish-owned art treasures to Germany with active support of the Luftwaffe.
2. The loot is to be divided between HITLER, GOERING, Hohe Schule and German museums.
3. Remaining art treasures are to be sold by auction for the benefit of French war widows.
4. Einsatzstab ROSENBERG will take care of the remaining Jewish art treasures in France.

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In conveying the measures taken until now, for the securing of Jewish art property by the Chief of the Military administration Paris and the special service staff Rosenberg (The Chief of the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces 2 f 28.14.W.Z.Nr 3812/40 g), the art objects brought to the Louvre will be disposed of in the following way:

1) Those art objects about which the Fuehrer has reserved for himself the decision as to their use,

2) Those art objects which serve to the completion of the Reichs Marshal's collection,

3) Those art objects and library stocks the use of which seem useful to the establishing of the higher institutes of learning and which come within the jurisdiction of Reichsleiter Rosenberg,

4) Those art objects that are suited to be sent to German museums,

of all these art objects, a systematic inventory will be made by the special purpose staff Rosenberg; they will then be packed and shipped to Germany with the assistance of the Luftwaffe.

5) Those art objects that are suited to be given to French museums or which might be of use for the German-French art trade, will be auctioned off at a date yet to be fixed; the profit of this auction will be given to the French State for the benefit of those bereaved by the war.

6) The further securing of Jewish art property in France willbe continued by the special purpose staff Rosenberg in the same way as heretofore in cooperation with the Chief of the military administration Paris.

Paris, 5 November 1940

I will submit this proposal to the Fuehrer. These instructions are in effect until he has reached a decision.

signed: GOERING

Certified true copy:
Berlin 15 Dec 1943
(Dr Zeiss)
Chief of special purpose staff

Rosenberg's special purpose staff seal

CERTIFICATION OF TRANSLATION
OF DOCUMENT 141-PS

I, Fred Niebergall, 2nd Lt Inf, O-1335567, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages; and that the above is a true and correct translation of the indicated excerpt from Document 141-PS, made under my supervision by Wolfgang E. Thormann, M/Sgt, 33779426.

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